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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Implementation Plan

Department of the Navy (DON) PDHRA Implementation Plan is contained in Attachment (1). Attachment (2) contains the process to administer the PDHRA screening tool. The DON plan meets your requirements to (1) screen members who returned from deployment after March 19, 2004, and (2) notify those who returned from deployment between September 11, 2001 and March 19, 2004 of PDHRA screening availability.

Existing assets within DON Military Treatment Facilities will be utilized to treat active duty and reserve personnel under a phased implementation plan, allowing for assessment of resources required to meet increased healthcare demands. Pending development of Memorandums of Agreement by your staff, Federal Occupational Health personnel will screen reservists and the Veterans Health Administration will provide follow-on care.

Phased PDHRA implementation will begin July 2005. Initial implementation sites will be the First Marine Expeditionary Force and the Naval Construction Forces Command. Initial implementation sites will encompass both active and reserve components in support of the Total Force Integration concept. Full implementation will begin September 15, 2005.

I share your commitment in establishing a viable process to ensure proper healthcare screening, evaluation and treatment for returning service members in support of the Global War on Terrorism. I will monitor the progress of PDHRA implementation through periodic reports from designated Navy and Marine Corps Program Managers. Be assured, Navy and Marine Corps leadership is fully engaged.

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(Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

Attachments:
As stated

cc:
Chief of Naval Personnel
Navy Surgeon General
Deputy Commandant (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)
Medical Officer of the Marine Corps